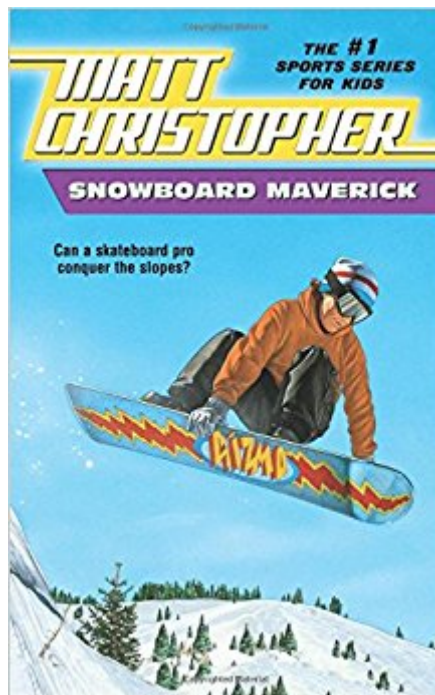


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# Snowboard Maverick



## Synopsis

Can a skateboard pro conquer the slopes? Dennis O'Malley is the best skateboarder in town. Unfortunately, he has to shelve his board for more than half the year, when the streets are covered with snow. Then a new sport emerges on the scene, one that Dennis's friends think he'd be a natural at: snowboarding. Since snowboarding and skateboarding use such similar moves and techniques, making the jump from the streets to the slopes should be a breeze for Dennis. Only Dennis knows it won't be....

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 4-7?Dennis O'Malley, 13, loves to skateboard. However, even though he lives in a winter sports resort area, he's reluctant to try snowboarding because of a skiing accident that occurred when he was much younger. Eventually, the boy overcomes his fears and his parents surprise him with a snowboard for Christmas. After a few days, he has managed to make his way down the slopes without too much difficulty. He's drawn into the more daring aspects of the sport, as he will do anything to avoid being called a "chicken." This leads him to embark upon a foolhardy race down a dangerous slope. He wins, but is properly contrite, knowing where his actions might have led.

Having found an older mentor, Dennis eventually becomes an "awesome" snowboarder. Following his tried-and-true formula, Christopher offers nothing new here in terms of plot?the story simply involves a different type of apparatus stuck to the feet. However, he includes some of the terminology of snowboarding (he avoids mentioning how Dennis deals with the financially crippling lift fees); and the plot, though simple, slides along with enough super moguls along the way to please snowboarders and perhaps some others as well.?Todd Morning, Schaumburg Township Public Library, ILCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 3<sup>^</sup>-6. Although he is a skateboard pro, 13-year-old Dennis has a fear of snowboarding because of a previous skiing accident. But his two best friends succeed in getting him to try the snowboard, and Dennis really takes to it. Many of his skateboarding skills carry over, and he quickly progresses beyond the beginner stage. He eventually accepts challenges from two snowboarders: one a hated bully, the other an older, admired athlete. The race with the bully is foolish and risky, and the contest with his idol shows a favorable contrast. These two events unfold with suspense, and readers will identify with the various tormented feelings Dennis experiences. This is a book about snowboarding, but it is just as much about friendship, loyalties, and a young teen's relationship with his parents. Like Christopher's other books, it is fast paced without shortchanging the emotional depth of the main character. Susan DeRonne --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Son Loved it!

I thought this was a very good book and one of my favorites out of all the matt Christopher books I have read

Can a skateboard pro conquer the slopes? Dennis O'Malley is tested when it starts to snow, and he has to shelf his skateboard. Dennis is a hard core skater who learns to snowboard. He learns at a school with the help of his friends.Dennis wants to board, but his parents don't want him to, so he boards on his own time. But when he goes the mountain is divided into two. His experience is tested when he must race on Ford's Mountain, to share the mountain.Personally, my favorite part is when Dennis catches big air, and has to ride down the mountain to get help, to save his friends, which are stuck, because one decide to try and drop in, but she had no real experience with the sport. This is my favorite part because it shows how strong Dennis's friendship really is. This book is really about a teenage boy who falls in love with a new action sport. The theme of this book is just really about

following what you love. What I personally liked about this book was that it dealt with snowboarding which I love. If I could change one thing though, I would make the plot not so near the end. Anyone who enjoys action/sports books should read this.

Once there was a boy named Dennis who could skateboard very well, but in a few days it would be winter season and he could not skateboard because in his place it would start to snow and he can't skateboard in snow. So his two best friends Robbie and Tasha said that they would teach him how to snowboard and Dennis said yes. But he had a fear of it also because once he had fallen and gotten hurt. He started by learning how to fall. After that he started by going down the school house hill. Now whenever he used to start, there used to be a small fright coming up his back and you know why. Then he raced one of his friends down, he did not know but his friend gave him a head start. He was thinking where she was and then she zoomed down and won. Then suddenly the two school bullies came and challenged Dennis and now they will race at Floyds Mountains and that is the place Dennis fell and broke his bone now read the book and see what happens to Dennis at the race. I recommend this book to people who like snowboarding or who like snow. I rated this book 4star because this was a very good book to me. By Ali Soorty(Pakistan)

Imagine the season for your favorite sport is over and you want to try a new sport, but you don't have enough money to buy what you need. In this book Snowboard Maverick by Matt Christopher this happens to one of the main characters Dennis O'malley. The other main characters are Tasha Springer and Robbie Macintyre. They're all very good friends. Dennis wants a snowboard because skateboarding season is over and he wants to try snowboarding. Of course though he doesn't have enough money to buy one. I won't tell you any more I don't want to ruin this exciting book for you. First of all I need to recommend this book. I liked this book because it had tons of action and it's easy to read, and it brought me in the book. The action is all in the snowboarding parts with lots of details. It doesn't have any hard words or confusing parts either. Also, I didn't want to put the book down until I was done reading it. To begin I think anyone who snowboards should read this book. It tells a lot about snowboarding and has a lot of snowboarding parts. Boys if you like action and fun, read this book. So if you want to find out if Dennis gets the snowboard and has lots of fun during his break READ THIS BOOK!

A Review by Shannon Dennis O'Malley is a thirteen year-old boy that loves to skateboard. He was always very disappointed when winter came around the streets were covered with snow and he

could not skateboard. He always waited for the streets to be cleared so he could skateboard again. Unfortunately, he had a big accident that sent him to the hospital and was unable to skateboard for a year. He saw his two best friends, Robbie and Tasha that had got into the sport snowboarding. He was very tempted to try but had many fears of his last accident. He wanted to try so bad, but he wanted his own board.. He had gotten one for a Christmas gift and he loved it. He had improved a lot and was now one of the best snow boarders around, besides Dale Morgan. Everyone knew him as the "best snowboarder and athletes". Dale was never challenged because all the kids had lost to him, but Dennis and his go at it in a race. Who will win? This book deserves 3 stars because it caught you off guard half the time. It was very exciting and got you motivated to get out and snow board. I would recommend it to any age that is looking for a good sports novel!

A Review by JeffThe Snowboard Maverick is about a 13-year-old boy named Dennis O'Malley who loved to skateboard, "it was his life". When winter came the streets had got covered with snow and he could not skateboard. Whenever the streets were clear he went and skateboarded. His two best friends, Robbie and Tasha, had got into the new coolest sport, it was snowboarding. He wanted to get one know. He had gotten one for a Christmas gift and he loved it, it was the new greatest sport. He had got really good at it and by the end of the book he was really good. There was only one other person who was as, good or even better, it was Dale Morgan. Everyone knew him as the "best snowboarder", no one had ever been challenged by him in a competition before. They had the competition and in the end someone had one. I would give this book 3 stars, it was mostly the way I had expected it to be. It had a better ending then I had thought cause it was not expected.

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